

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the FINAL Office Action dated January 16, 2007.

Claims 4 through 18 are pending in the application. Of the claims, claims 4, 9 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being anticipated by the previously cited Smith et al. published application US 2002/0168257; claims 4, 6 through 9, 11 through 14 and 16 through 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being obvious over Ellis U.S. Patent No. 2,930,500; and claims 5, 10 and 15 stand rejected as being obvious over Ellis in view of Smith. The drawings are also objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as not showing all of the features of claim 4.

Responsive to the rejection of the claims, and to overcome the objection to the drawings, Applicant herein cancels all of the pending claims 4 through 18 without prejudice and without admitting anticipation and/or obviousness. Applicant also herein proposes to submit new claims 19 through 27, claims 19 and 25 being independent claims, and all of which new claims are believed to contain limitations that distinguish those claims from the cited prior art.

With entry of this Amendment, all of the claims in the application, namely, claims 19 through 27, are believed to include limitations which patently distinguished them over the cited prior art. None of the cited prior art references, either alone or in combination, is believed to include all of the features of the claims. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and favorable action and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any requirements or suggestions for placing the present claims in better condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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